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Letter dated 27 April 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the statement by the President of the Security Council of 7 March 2005 (S/PRST/2005/11), in which the Council welcomed the efforts of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) and its leading role in coordinating support for the Transitional Federal Government to implement the agreements reached at the Somali National Reconciliation Conference and establish peace and stability in Somalia. In the statement, the Security Council also took note of the need to expand the United Nations presence as proposed in my report of 18 February on the situation in Somalia (S/2005/89).

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint François Lonseny Fall (Guinea) as my Special Representative for Somalia and Head of UNPOS.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the work done by Winston A. Tubman, who served as my Representative for Somalia from February 2002 to March 2005.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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